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Application of: Ellen M. Welch *et al.*

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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING SMALL  
MOLECULES THAT MODULATE  
PREMATURE TRANSLATION TERMINATION  
AND NONSENSE MEDIATED mRNA  
DECAY

Attorney Docket No: 10589-044-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2008, in which the Examiner imposed species elections, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the following remarks and amendments and enter them into the record for the application.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith (i) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three (3) months from May 1, 2008 up to and including August 1, 2008, with provision authorizing payment of the required fees; (ii) a Fee Transmittal sheet, and (iii) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including a List of References Cited by Applicant and copies of References B05, C82, and C83.

It is estimated that there are no additional fees in connection with filing this response. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.